



FACT SHEET

House Committee on Education and Labor

Chairman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott

Education and Labor Committee Provisions in National Defense Authorization Act

21st Century Assistive Technology Act: Increase the quality of life and expand work opportunities, for people with disabilities through increased access to technology, equipment, and services by:

- Facilitating access to assistive technology by streamlining funding to focus on the four state-level activities, including state financing activities, device reutilization programs, device loan programs, and device demonstrations;
- Enhancing capacity building and services for Protection & Advocacy agencies and increases the grants for states with minimum allotments; and
- Supporting innovative *Projects of National Significance* that increase access to assistive technology, creating opportunities for individuals with disabilities fully participate in education, employment, and community living.

Federal Firefighters Fairness Act: Amends the *Federal Employees' Compensation Act* to improve firefighters' access to injury and illness benefits through an automatic presumption that an illness on a science-based list, such as mesothelioma, was work-related.